

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, and reconsideration of the Office Action dated February 4, 2005. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 6 and 8-13 will remain pending in this application. No new matter is incorporated by this Amendment.

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Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claim 7 contained allowable subject matter. While claim 7 was objected to, the Examiner indicated it would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the features of its base claim. In response, independent claim 6 has been amended by incorporating therein all of the limitations from previous claim 7. Hence, claim 6 is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Moreover, since the remaining claims all ultimately depend from claim 6, the remaining claims likewise are also believed to be in condition for allowance. All remaining rejections are thus overcome and withdrawal of each is respectfully requested.

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Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment and the above remarks obviate the outstanding objection and rejections in this case, thereby placing the application in condition for immediate allowance. Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

If any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this filing, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 032739.008.

If an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is necessary that is not accounted for in the papers filed herewith, such an extension is requested. The extension fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 032739.008

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